

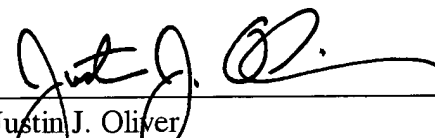
REMARKS

By this Amendment, Applicants have canceled Claim 26. Claims 27-44 remain pending in this application, with Claims 27 and 37 being independent.

Applicants submit that the pending claims are allowable for the reasons set forth in the Request for Reconsideration filed on February 6, 2003, and respectfully request a Notice of Allowance in this application.

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